

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

- WAIVER REQUEST
- ANSWER
- RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

FILER INFORMATION

Name: William "Billy" F Mertz
Office/Position: Plaquemines Parish School Board / District 5 / Plaquemines
Dates of Service: 2009-2017
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 15

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017
November 6, 2018 election
Report ID: PFD19011391
Original Due Date: 7/25/2018
NOD Received: 8/4/2018 - Signed by: Chit Hambergur
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 8/14/2018
PFD/Answer Filed: 12/26/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 499
Total days late from initial due date: 519
Late Fee Order Received: 12/9/2019
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/30/2019
Waiver Request Received: 12/18/2019

COMMENTS:

William Mertz is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of his 2017 Candidate PFD Statement. Mr. Mertz stated he dropped out of the November 6, 2018 Election. However, he does not have access to his records to prove he withdrew from the race. All of his records are currently in the possession of his future Ex-Wife. Mr. Mertz stated to the best of his recollection, he notified the SOS prior to the deadline that he was withdrawing from the election. He was then instructed by SOS to notify his local Clerk of Courts office in writing, which he did but does not recall when he contacted the Plaquemines Parish Clerk of Courts Office. Mr. Mertz filed his CF Report, but does not recall needing to submit a PFD. He apologies for the omission of the report and stated it was not intentional. He wishes that his \$1500 Late Fee Assessment be considered for waiving by the Ethics Board. This is Mr. Mertz first late fee.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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